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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

FOR AF/S HAVERKAMP FROM SHERMAN

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. MET WITH MARTIN REID FCO WHO REPORTS UK SEES "ACUTE URGENCY" FOR ANOTHER TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE.
2. PRESENTLY RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW MINISTERS IN FCO NOT DETERMINED BUT REID EXPECTS TED ROWLANDS WILL HAVE AF PORTFOLIO. REID WILL BRIEF NEW MINISTER ASAP AND TRY TO GET HIS AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION NEW DEMARCHE.
3. REID BELIEVES FRENCH VIEW SITUATION WITH RENEWED URGENCY AND WILLING JOIN IN EARLY PLANNING. SUGGESTS LONDON AS VENUE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH VIEW TO DELIVERING DEMARCHE BY EARLY JULY.
4. ANOTHER BRITISH CONSIDERATION MUST BE EC COORDINATION AS NINE PLAN ANOTHER DEMARCHE SOON.
5. REID SEES MPLA/SWAPO INTERACTION GROWING WITH STRONG IDEOLOGICAL GUIDANCE FROM FORMER. IN MPLA OPINION SWAPO

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NOT IDEOLOGICALLY READY TO RULE NAMIBIA THUS NO CONCERTED

AND CUBAN-BACKED MILITARY EFFORT IMMINENT. SWAPO INTER-
NECINE TROUBLE IN LUSAKA HAS POTENTIAL OF RADICALIZING
ORGANIZATION. THIS MILITATES AGAINST FURTHER DELAY IN A
DEMARCHE URGING SWAPO INCLUSION TURNHALLE CONFERENCE.
REID HAD ASKED UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO PASS TO AF FULL
REPORT MPLA/SWAPO ACTIVITIES.
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